

REMARKS

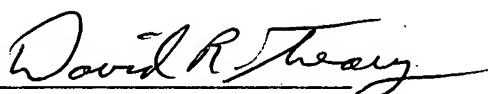
Headings, and cross-reference to the parent application of this divisional application, are added.

5 In the specification, the paragraphs on pages 1 and 2 have been amended to substitute the disclosure of previously identified claims for the simple reference to the claim number. The paragraphs on page 3, lines 5-6 of page 4, and page 6 are amended to correct minor editorial problems.

10 The paragraph starting at line 31 of page 4 is amended to provide express antecedence for the amended claims. The statement at lines 6-7 of page 5 of the application as filed teaches that no further layers need be added, and thus supports "free from additional protective layers." Removing a portion of the sol-gel lacquer layer, to enable the anodization to create the first surface area, inherently causes the two areas to adjoin directly.

15 In view of the examiner's earlier restriction requirement, claims 8-13 remain in this application, and claims 14-27 have been added. Claims 1-7, whose subject matter is in the parent application now allowed, have been canceled.

20 Respectfully submitted,

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